

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)
Tohru NATSUME et al.)
Application No. 10/581,969) Confirmation No. 8384
Filed: June 7, 2006) Group Art Unit: 1656
For: NOVEL INTERACTION BETWEEN PROTEINS,) Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri
AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR DISUSE)
MUSCULAR ATROPHY OR METHOD)
ASSOCIATED WITH DISUSE MUSCULAR)
ATROPHY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NOVEL)
INTERACTION)

SECOND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the second Restriction Requirement mailed May 8, 2009, Applicant elects the claims of Group 2 and Group I(F) without traverse, i.e. claim 19, drawn to a method for screening therapeutic agents for disuse muscular atrophy comprising the step of interacting the protein defined in claim 14 with a polyubiquitin chain.

This response is accompanied by a Second Preliminary Amendment which appropriately amends the claims of Group 1(F), withdraws the unelected claims, and adds new claims dependent upon elected claim 19.

Respectfully submitted,

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